

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 485

To provide for a Federal program to stabilize medical malpractice insurance premiums.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 2003

Mr. PALLONE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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malpractice insurance premiums.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Medical Mal-
5 practice Insurance Stabilization Act of 2003 ”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL PROGRAM TO STABILIZE MEDICAL MAL-**
7 **PRACTICE INSURANCE PREMIUMS.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Health and
9 Human Services shall establish and oversee a program
10 under which insurance companies and other underwriters

1 offering medical malpractice insurance coverage in the
2 United States reinsure all claims in excess of \$250,000
3 through automatic reinsurance from a national fund that
4 would be available to such companies and underwriters in
5 order to provide stability in the market for medical mal-
6 practice insurance coverage.

7 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary shall
8 establish the terms and conditions of such a program, in-
9 cluding the premium amount to be charged for such rein-
10 surance.

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